

Judges 10-12 – 11 November 2021

“Salvation In Jesus As Pictured In Jephthah”

Introduction

*Book of Judges’ theme is “*everyone did that which was right in their own eyes*”. Therefore, a cycle of sin & deliverance develops where God raises up judges

*Only 6 major judges in Judges & together they teach us how & what WE should do in this present evil age:

Ehud – Living for God in the face of evil

Deborah & Barak – Courage to stir people to action

Gideon – Building faith thru experience

Now today Jephthah – Jesus the Savior

Then Samson in chapters 13-16 – Spirit & flesh

*In a way the Book of Judges has brought us to the culmination of the story of salvation today!

*Jephthah is an OT prototype or picture of Jesus

*Thru OT types we learn more of how Jesus sees life, just like Abraham offering his son Isaac

***Today, let’s see 4 aspects of salvation in Jesus as pictured thru the life of Jephthah**

Chapter 10 again shows us the cycle of sin & crying out to God for help (Chap 10:1-18)

Intro

1. This sets the stage for a look at Jesus Christ
2. God wants to do more than just help in distress
3. God doesn't want to be in our life, He wants to be our life (He's not a genie, He's Jesus)

Read Chap 10:1-4

1. Tola & Jair, minor judges, we know very little
2. Shows that God used many judges over time

Read Chap 10:5-9

1. Cycle of sin hits again b/c they respected false gods from all over the land & outside the land
 - a. Interesting that it says they did this "in the sight of the Lord" – Jesus isn't a territorial god like many of these false gods
2. Ammonites take Israeli land on east side of Jordan (formerly Amorite land) & across Jordan R

Read Chap 10:10-14

1. God said, since we've been here before, go get help from the gods that you chose to daily serve
 - a. Our lifestyle proves what we've chosen
2. God isn't obligated to help us just b/c we ask
 - a. Read Jer 7:16 & Hos 5:15
 - b. God is looking for repentance (Naghmeh)
 - c. He's not a genie to get our will done, He's our Creator who deserves our praise

Read Chap 10:15-16

1. They turned from false gods to the Lord with the goal of being delivered from the Ammonites
 - a. Would they have turn to God if they needed nothing?
 - b. Many today serve God for what they get
2. Serve God & others, not for what we can get, but for what God has already done for us (Read Luk 6:32)

Read Chap 10:17-18

1. They began w/ God & choose a man later... that's the right order²

1st aspect of salvation pictured in Jephthah is the people turn against the leader until they need him (Chap 11:1-11)

Read Chap 11:1-3

1. God knows that Jephthah is a mighty man of valour, but Jephthah didn't know it yet
2. Jephthah, as Jesus, wasn't the natural son of his parents and was considered a bastard
 - a. Jephthah & Jesus were outcast among their own people
3. You don't have to live within the reputation you're given...you should create your own

Read Chap 11:4-11

1. Jephthah wants to do more than help in distress
2. Jephthah wants to be head, if he helps in distress, he wants to be there always
 - a. Just as God wants that for Israel
 - b. Jesus isn't a lacquey, He is the Lord
 - c. Jesus doesn't want to do your work; He wants you to follow Him!

2nd aspect of salvation pictured in Jephthah is the leader reasons with the people first (Chap 11:12-27)

Read Chap 11:12-13

1. Maybe it's just a simple misunderstanding
2. Jephthah is ready to go to war, but doesn't want to unless he has to, just like Jesus
 - a. Read Isa 1:18 – Come let us reason together
 - b. Eze 33:11 – I have no pleasure in the death

Read Chap 11:14-23

1. It may have been your land at some point in the distant past, but Israel took it from the Amorites
 - a. Amorites attacked them, therefore they keep the land
 - b. And God gave it to them at that time for His promise to Abraham (this was before Ammon was even conceived by Lot)

Read Chap 11:24-27

1. Why did you wait 300 yrs to now place claim?

3rd aspect of salvation pictured in Jephthah is the leader is willing to give all for victory over the enemy (Chap 11:28-40)

Read Chap 11:28-31

1. Whatever comes out the door “or”.... (not and)
2. Jephthah’s vow of a burnt offering
3. Remember, a burnt offering is the 1 (of 5) offerings that represents whole dedication

Read Chap 11:32-34

1. Jephthah’s only legacy or on-going life will be sacrificed for the victory over the enemy
2. Just as Jesus was willing to give his very life

Read Chap 11:35

1. Like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane except Jesus *knowingly & willingly* wept & opened His mouth (not My will but Yours)
2. Jesus knowing all things, wept in the garden while praying knowing it would cost Him ALL to gain victory over death on the cross

Read Chap 11:36-38

1. 2 months to mourn the loss of future posterity
 - a. Just as Jesus went into the Garden 2 times to pray
 - b. Shows the perfect union between father & child
2. Demonstrates, “not my will but yours be done”

Read Chap 11:39-40

1. Seems that he sent her away in virginity but didn't have to kill her. This still fulfills a burnt offering of whole sacrifice
2. Remember, the word ‘and’ can be translated ‘or’, and since God had forbidden human sacrifice in the Law, the proper translation should be ‘or’.

4th aspect of salvation pictured in Jephthah is that the flesh can't help nor enter into life (Chap 12:1-15)

Read Chap 12:1-4

1. Ephriam as the flesh, did this same thing to Gideon years ago. Flesh is always there to fight & disagree until we put it to death
2. Self-effort of the flesh couldn't have helped
 - a. Read Luke 9:23 – deny self, pick up cross & follow Jesus

Read Chap 12:5-7

1. This is a test of your very nature to separate life from death
2. Only those that have sided with Jephthah & Jesus would inherit life

Read Chap 12:8-15

1. Ibzan, Elon & Abdon, minor judges that we know very little about
2. Shows that God used many judges over time

Conclusion

So we see, even the O.T. is designed to show us aspects of our great salvation in Jesus Christ, this time, thru the life of the judge Jephthah

- 1. People turn again the leader until they need him**
 - a. God's power is recognized, but people only want the Savior not the Lord
- 2. The leader reasons with the people before setting things right by force**
 - a. Only Christianity gives it hears a reasonable and willful change to come, nothing forced
- 3. The leader is willing to give all for victory over the enemy**
 - a. What love, but also what integrity
- 4. The flesh can't help nor enter into life**
 - a. You're either on the side of the spiritual and God's will or the side of the flesh and self will
 - b. The only entrance into life is at God's will!